

IELTS Academic Words

List 1



abandon: lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

abstract: theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

academic: related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to scholarly organization; based on formal education

access: approach; entry; entrance

accommodation: living quarters provided for public convenience

accompany: travel with; be associated with

accumulation: increase by natural growth or addition; concentration

accurate: capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

achieve: gain with effort; accomplish; fulfill

acquisition: act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of something

adaptation: modification; alteration or adjustment in structure or habits

adequate: sufficient; enough to meet a purpose

adjacent: adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

adjustment: making or becoming suitable; adjusting to circumstances

administration: management; supervision; people who are in charge for management; activity of government for powers and duties

advocate: speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something

affect: have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

aggregate: gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to

aid: person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

albeit: even though; although; notwithstanding

alter: modify; cause to change; make different; convert

alternative: one of two or more things, ideas or courses of action that may be used; option; choice

ambiguous: unclear or doubtful in meaning

amendment: correction; revision

analogous: comparable; similar or alike

analysis: study; investigation; process of breaking down a substance into its constituent parts

annual: occurring or payable every year

apparent: capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye

appendix: something appended or added

appreciation: recognition; taste; judgment or opinion, especially a favorable one

approach: access; method

appropriate: acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

approximate: approach; come near

arbitrary: randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

area: plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

assembly: gathering; meeting; a group of persons gathered together for common reason

assessment: act of judging or assessing; amount determined as payable

assistance: activity of contributing to fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose

assume: suppose; presume; take on; bear

assurance: promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt

attached: fastened together; joined by wall, especially by sharing a wall with another building; not freestanding

author: beginner, former, or first mover of anything; creator; originator; one who composes or writes book or composer

authority: jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

available: convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

aware: knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

behalf: represent; advantage, benefit, interest of someone

benefit: advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being ; welfare; gain

bias: preference or inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgment; influence in unfair way

bond: link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

brief: short in time, duration, length, or extent; concise

bulk: majority; main part; volume; mass

capable: having the ability required for a specific task

capacity: mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

challenge: assert a right; raise a formal objection; take exception to

channel: passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

chapter: division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized branch of some society

chart: graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

civil: having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

clarity: clearness of thought or style; brightness; splendor

classical: of recognized authority or excellence

clause: sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document

code: body of law; system of rules or regulations relating to one subject; system of symbols, letters, or words

coherence: logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts; state of cohering or sticking together

coincide: occur at the same time as; correspond

collapse: breakdown; failure

commission: fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

commitment: pledge, undertaking; act of binding yourself to a course of action

commodity: goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

communication: activity of communicating; activity of conveying information

community: society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

compensation: something given or received as payment as for a service or loss or injury

complement: complete; consummate; make perfect

complex: complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

component: element; ingredient; abstract part of something

comprehensive: thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

comprise: include; consist of; be composed of

concept: something formed in the mind; thought or notion

concurrent: simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time

conduct: direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

conference: meeting for consultation or discussion; exchange of views

confirmed: being firmly settled in habit; having been ratified; verified; fixed; established

conflict: fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

conformity: similarity in form or character; agreement

consent: agree in opinion or sentiment; be of the same mind; accord; concur; allow

considerable: worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

consistent: being in agreement with itself; coherent; regular

constant: invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

constitutional: of or relating to a constitution, or establishment form of government

construction: act of constructing or building something

consumer: people who buy goods or services

contact: get in touch with; reach

contemporary: modern; belonging to the same period of time

context: circumstance

contract: constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate

contradiction: assertion of the contrary to what has been said or affirmed; denial of the truth of a statement or assertion

contrary: relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or character or purpose

contrast: act of distinguishing by comparing differences

contribution: act of contributing; contribution; payment exacted for special purpose; impost or levy

controversy: contentious speech act; argument

convention: social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states